

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2015**

Members present: Chairman Ron Goodgame, Joe Balboni Jr and Steve Wood (via telephone).

Staff present: Chief Stu Chase, Captain Rondeau and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Goodgame entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of November 19, 2015***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of November 19, 2015 as submitted. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Chase reported on the following activity reports for last month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 50 offenses for the month which is a 9% decrease from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 23 arrests for last month, which is an increase from the previous month.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month.

Accidents by street name: He reported 6 accidents for last month which is a decrease from the previous month.

Prosecutor's report: N/A.

School Resource Officer (SRO): He reported 16 investigations at the High School and 4 at the Middle School.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 130 stops last month which is a 17% decrease and only a handful of those resulted in summons. He noted the goal is to educate the public.

Detectives Report: He provided the Detectives reporting for the month showing 12 new cases.

Geographical Analysis: He provided this report that shows the activity in specific areas.

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reviewed the report as follows:

- He reported that all sworn personnel have completed all in-service training requirements for 2015. On December 2nd at Police Standards & Training in Concord they conducted the annual "Use of Force" training directed by Sgt. Moore and Officer Pat Spera. The Captain added a component on felony DWI investigations and Officer Mike Strauch talked on the special abilities of "Riggs" and crime scene protection for potential K9 searches. They also went through the firearms simulator course, a computerized system that is about, "as real as it gets." He reported that he has sent a letter to Governor Hassan and Senator Bradley asking for their support in fully funding Police Standards & Training. This State has a "gem" of a facility and it needs the backing of elected officials to maintain the level of excellence it is known for. He explained that historically this is funded by penalty assessments, Police Standards budgets have been decreased by law makers transferring those assessments to other initiatives. The State cannot afford to jeopardize the training of law enforcement officers and he is asking our local representatives to back the proper funding of this vital function.
- Dispatch Supervisor Lyons is attending Local Agency Security Officer Training in Concord as part of the annual audit of our NCIC terminal in Central Dispatch.
- The Department continues working on the intervention policy for those charged with certain controlled drug offenses. The Captain has met with court officials, our prosecutor, the public defender's office and service providers to formalize the policy. Public information campaign, through the Captain, has brought the message to Community TV, the Lyons Club, the Men's Breakfast Club, and the Visiting Nurses Association and I will be joining the Board of Directors of the White Horse Addiction Center in Ossipee. Heroin/fentanyl overdoses are expected to claim close to 500 lives in New Hampshire this year.
- He and the Captain continue to cover the Selectmen meetings as well as other meetings or events as follows; budget committee, selectmen re-visit, on budgetary items, Town Hall open house, Carroll County Chief's Association, Town Department Heads, Governor's Highway Safety Conference, Primex Insurance presentation and employee holiday party in the Great Hall.
- The Department assisted with coverage of the annual Christmas Parade by the Chamber of Commerce on November 28th. Thanks to the Captain, Officers Emerson and Swift for assuring an orderly and safe procession and tree lighting.
- Patrol officers assisted with the annual "Turkey Trot" 5K race that starts and stops in the busy Downtown area.
- The Department has completed the 2016 budget presentations.
- He reported the Department assisted the New Jersey State Police with VIP protection of a presidential hopeful making an appearance at the Inn on North Main.
- The 2016 round of highway safety grants have been approved and are awaiting signatures. He commended Captain Rondeau in researching, preparing, and overseeing these initiatives.
- The Captain and the entire Department receive a thank you card from New Hampshire VNA & Hospice.
- He received a letter from the District Manager of Hunter' Shop 'n Save, who complimented Officer Mary Swift for her efforts in resolving a shoplifting incident recently. He read that letter.

- The Chief noted several late night vehicle break-ins in the area of Center Street/ Holden Shore Road. He also noted two domestic issues that past month involving firearms.

It was moved by Joe Balboni Jr. and seconded by Steve Wood to adopt the Intervention Policy as presented by the Chief. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

➤ **2015 Town Report for the Police Commission**

Chairman Goodgame noted the 2015 draft Town Report has been forwarded to the Commissioners for review and such is due to the Town Manager's office by January 12th.

Commissioner Wood noted some language changes for clarity such revisions would be made and forwarded for review.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. to accept the 2015 Town Report with amendments. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

➤ **2016 Meeting Schedule**

Chairman Goodgame questioned if the Commission would like to continue with the same meeting schedule of the third Thursday of the month. The Commission agreed.

➤ ***Heroin Update***

Chairman Goodgame commended Captain Rondeau on his efforts in addressing the opiate issue and for going above his normal responsibility.

Questions from the Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State news questioned a few details from the Chief's report regarding the break-ins and the theft from a local business.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

N/A

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Goodgame entertained a motion to enter non-public session to discuss collective bargaining.

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 to discuss collective bargaining. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Goodgame- yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:01 PM. The Commission voted to seal the minutes of December 17, 2015.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Goodgame entertained a motion to adjourn.

**Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:02 PM.
Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio